

**Capt. Frederick W. Pfirrmann**  
**Chief of Staff**  
**U.S. 7th Fleet**

Capt. Frederick W. Pfirrmann is a New York native and attended Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., graduating with honors in June 1982. Following completion of Officer Candidate School, Newport, R.I., he was commissioned in June 1983.

Reporting directly to USS Ponce (LPD 15), Capt. Pfirrmann assumed duties as Auxiliaries/Electrical Officer until he reported to the Surface Warfare Officer Basic Course. Upon completion, he returned to Ponce as Boilers Officer completing two Mediterranean deployments that included significant support to the Multinational Peacekeeping Force in Beirut, Lebanon. His next assignment was in USS Josephus Daniels (CG 27) as Fire Control Officer and First Lieutenant completing a Mediterranean deployment and an Arabian Gulf cruise where Josephus Daniels served as Anti-Air Warfare Commander in support of Earnest Will tanker escort operations. Returning from the Arabian Gulf, he assumed duties as Aide and Flag Lieutenant for Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group 8, embarked in USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71).



After completion of Surface Warfare Department Head training, Capt. Pfirrmann served as commissioning Weapons Officer in the AEGIS destroyer USS Barry (DDG 52) and as Combat Systems Officer during Barry's maiden deployment which included extensive NATO operations in the Adriatic Sea enforcing United Nations' sanctions, and a surge deployment to the Arabian Gulf as part of Operation Vigilant Warrior. Following postgraduate study, he was assigned as Executive Officer, USS Russell (DDG 59), deploying to the Arabian Gulf to conduct maritime intercept operations. He then served as an Operations Planner, European Command Division, Operations Directorate (J-3), Joint Staff participating in the planning and execution of multiple contingencies to include Operation Allied Force.

His next assignment was as Commanding Officer, USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), completing a nine-month deployment with the Lincoln Carrier Strike Group to the Central Command area of operations. Paul Hamilton conducted maritime intercept operations as the flagship for the Australian Commander of the Multinational Interdiction Force and extensive operations in Iraqi Freedom in direct support of combat operations ashore. Following his afloat command tour, he reported to the staff of the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, where he served as Fleet Future Operations Officer (N33) and on the personal staff as the Special Assistant to the Fleet Commander. His most recent assignment was as Commodore of Destroyer Squadron 31, homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Capt. Pfirrmann has attended numerous service and professional schools and holds a Masters degree in International Affairs from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University.